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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038; 1.
- 2. Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c);
- 3. One (1) page of Form PTO-1449, citing four (4) documents;
- 4. A copy of three (3) cited documents; and
- 5. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), Applicants' undersigned representative submits the following discussion of the relevance of the non-English language documents **AL1** and **AM1** cited on Form PTO 1449:

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date AND after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a Final Rejection, or Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is provided in our PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form.

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